Village of New Milford – Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President Timothy H. Owens

IN ATTENDANCE:

Timothy H. Owens, Jessica Lang, Ron Colvin, Eileen Owens, Deanna Rodgers, Wendy Roop, Julie Wagner, Dan Wolf, Jim Stevens and Adam Bunge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion by Wendy Roop, seconded by Deanna Rodgers to adopt the agenda. All present voted in favor; motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Timothy H. Owens reports for the upcoming ZBA meeting, board member Jim Smith will preside over the meeting. A letter from attorney Jim Stevens has been sent to the person responsible for dumping on Meadow Song Trail. Victory Park grand opening celebration date is still being determined in coordination with the Rockford Park district. Meeting with Four Rivers Sanitation provided diagrams for options on how to proceed with future garbage and sanitation. A future meeting to be held will be more in depth to costs and project planning with the county chairman.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Jessica Lang reports continued data transfer of the bookkeeping from CYMA to QuickBooks. Debbie Lang from the Village of Malta is assisting and providing consult to assure that the current accounting systems are up to date. A full report will be provided at a later date.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Adam Bunge reports that he submitted photos to FastSigns of the sign that was not properly installed and requested replacement. A job detail list for the additional work done by CES at Victory Park was submitted to the board for review. Potential plans for the location of the portable toilet and water fountain at Victory Park were also submitted for review by the board.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Jim Stevens reports that the village was approached by a solar farm company with an inquiry to build a 15-to-35-acre solar farm. A site plan is being developed, but they have submitted a letter of intent and are proposing $5000 to the village for 1-3 years, with an additional $1500 per acre during construction. Once a site plan is received, negotiations can go forward. The property owner at 6960 Rydberg Road responded to the village's demand letter and will be cleaning up the debris around his property once the weather improves. In preparation for the appropriation ordinance, Jim will meet with President Tim Owens and board member, Ron Colvin to begin drafting this ordinance as it will need to be posted 30 days before the vote in May. An

application has been submitted for a ra le license by the VFW to hold meat raffles on the 3rd Saturday of each month at New Mill Tap. Application fee is still pending. After researching for the proposed chicken ordinance, a special use permit was recommended for those in the village that wish to keep chickens on properties not zoned Ag. Requirements for this special use permit it will need to be determined and eventually voted on by the board.

TRUSTESS REPORT:

Deanna Rodgers reports that neighborhood watch meetings will no longer take place on the 3rd Wednesday of each month but will instead take place on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Two community events are scheduled for the year, including a movie night at the fire station on October 11th and pictures with Santa and the Grinch in December. Dan Wolf reports that the signs for victory park are being prepared for a minimal fee. Eileen Owens is continuing to review ordinances for updating and continued training. She brought to the board for consideration a yearly cost of living increase for board members and the village president. Ronald Colvin has been researching to update village computers and software and will have a presentation at the next board meeting. Wendy Roop followed up on a quote from Satellite Industries Inc for the handicap accessible portable toilet at Victory Park, which will be voted on at the next board meeting. Business cards are also in progress for village sta . She also informed the board that there will a “Toddler Time” held at the fire station on March 4th. Julie Wagner had no current updates to report.

There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion to adjourn by Deanna Rodgers was made, second by Ron Colvin. All present voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Transcribed 02/26/2025 by Jessica Lang